

August 20, 2017
11th Sunday after
Pentecost

Worship Guide



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WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!

We welcome all people to join us in worship and fellowship. Children are welcome in worship, we also have nursery care during our worship service. Please ask an usher to direct you. Please join us after the service in the Fireside Room for refreshments and time to visit.

Welcome to Teen Challenge who will be taking part in our service today.

Welcome to Monica Bellizzi, Thrivent Representative, serving refreshments today.



WORSHIP GUIDE

Our worship is participatory. This guide will help you. The text that follows is called “liturgy.” Some parts are spoken or sung by worship leaders. Other parts are spoken or sung by the whole assembly. The parts spoken or sung by the whole assembly are identified with **bold text**.

We will also sing some songs (or hymns). These songs are identified with a title and a song number. These songs may be found in one of three books or printed in this bulletin. These books are identified as follows:

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) – the red book

With One Voice (WOV) – the blue book

Worship and Praise (WP) – the purple book

Other instructions (when to stand) are printed in *italic text* or will be provided by a worship lead.

TODAY'S WORSHIP

We are in the middle of the season of Pentecost. During this time the texts we hear each Sunday are focused on Jesus' actions concerning the kingdom of God. Today the texts come from Isaiah and the Gospel according to Matthew.

From Isaiah, we hear God's call that God's people "maintain justice, and do what is right." Matthew reports Jesus' teaching concerning sin and then tells the story of a Canaanite woman who sought Jesus' help.

HOLY COMMUNION

SETTING FOUR

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Before the prelude, speak to one other. During the prelude, speak to God. During the service, listen for God to speak to you. During the week, let God speak through you.

The Invitation of the Bell

Announcements:

Teen Challenge Choir

First Reading

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

AM: ¹Thus says the LORD:
Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed.

⁶And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,
and to be his servants,
all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it,
and hold fast my covenant—

⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.

⁸Thus says the Lord GOD,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel,

I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.
The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading:

Matthew 15: 10-20, 21-28

¹⁰[Jesus] called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand:¹¹ it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.”

¹²Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?” ¹³He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.” ¹⁵But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” ¹⁶Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. ¹⁹For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”]

²¹Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” ²³But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” ²⁴He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” ²⁶He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁷She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ

(please be seated)

Sermon:

Pastor Peggy

(Usher will come by and pick up your Prayer cards)

Hymn of the Day:

All Are Welcome

ELW 641

Apostles' Creed:

(please stand as you are able)

AM: Please join me in confessing our faith

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

AM: Generous, compassionate God, we gather before you to pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

AM: Unite us, O God, so that all who worship receive assurance and nourishment by faith. Rescue those who suffer from religious persecution. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

AM: Teach us, O God, so that the holy mountains and peaceful valleys of your good creation can be restored to the health you intend. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

AM: Empower us, O God, to advocate for those on the margins. Open the hearts of leaders in every nation to serve those who are most vulnerable. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

AM: Equip us, O God, with your love for our brothers and sisters. Heal the sick, comfort the grieving, feed the hungry, and calm those in distress (*especially those we name silently or aloud*). Lord, in your mercy

C: hear our prayer.

AM: Rouse us, O God, to praise you with gladness. We give thanks for musicians, worship leaders, intercessors, those who prepare the communion table, and all who make our worship express our joy. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

AM: We pray for the world. This week from the Cycle of World Prayer we especially lift up Liberia and Sierra Leone. May they live in your peace and protection. Lord, in your mercy.

C: hear our prayer.

AM: We give you thanks, O God, for the saints who have deepened our lives of prayer. Gather us with them in endless praise of you. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands we place all our prayers, spoken and unspoken, trusting in the mercy of Christ Jesus

C: Amen.

Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: and also with you

MEAL

Offering

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

Offering Prayer

P: Let us pray . . .

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know

your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

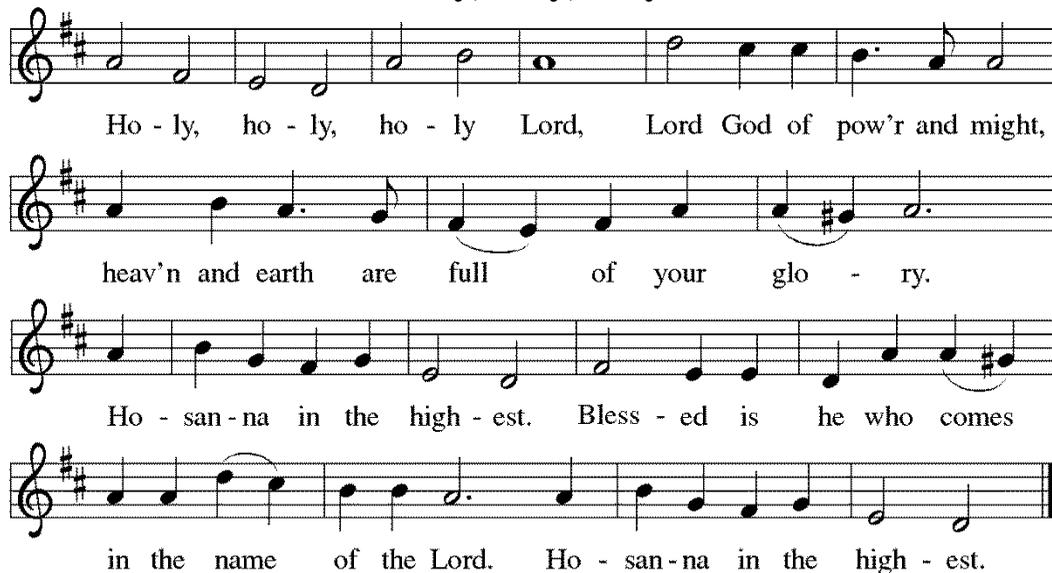
C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Words of Institution

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Communion

All are invited and welcome at this table. We come together and kneel or stand as we desire. Gluten free bread is available upon request. Red wine or white grape juice is served in individual cups. If you choose not to receive the bread and wine you are invited to come for a blessing, or stay in your seat in silent prayer. (For those who cannot come to the table, we will come to you.)

Communion Music:

Elyana, Calyn & Catherine Ellacer

(please stand as you are able)

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

C: Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

P: Let us pray . . .

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

SENDING

Blessing

P: Almighty God, Father, ✙ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Sending Song God of Grace and God of Glory ELW 705
Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Share the good news

C: **Thanks be to God**

Postlude

Please join us for refreshments in the Fireside Room after the service. Thank you to Monica Bellizzi with Thrivent.

Those in service today

Pastor:	Pastor Peggy
Organist:	Catherine Ellacer
Ushers:	Bob Balcomb/Les Grundy
Lector:	Len Brothers
Altar Care	Linda Perez
Flowers:	
Refreshments	Monica Bellizzi, with Thrivent

Prayer List

Mimi Shilov	Mario Chissesi
Eva Woodall	Marie Hughes
Thelma Spaziani	Sharon Biller
Joe Neely	Eunice Phillips
Les Grundy	Jerome Patterson

Financials/Attendance for August 13, 2017

Attendance:	26
Offering:	\$1340.00
SCOTM	\$79.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Social Concern of the Month is the Back to School Backpack drive in conjunction. Family Shelter and the Lord's Pantry.

IMPORTANT

PLEASE, IF YOU ARE THE LAST PERSON TO LEAVE ON SUNDAY, BE SURE THAT ALL DOORS ARE CLOSED TIGHT. THEY WILL ALREADY BE LOCKED.

Faith Lutheran's Hospitality Credo

Mission: By the Power of God: Caring, Sharing, Praying, Growing Caring & Growing

1. All are welcome
We are inclusive
We value you being here

Caring & Praying

2. We expect to meet Jesus
Every Sunday when we gather
Communion/ Lord's Supper is open to everyone without restrictions

Praying & Sharing

3. Service
Worship on Sunday is when we gather to receive God's service to us, and to thank and praise God.
Serving our neighbor and the stranger is what we are sent out to do.
4. Grateful and Thankful
We know all of life is a gift and blessing from God.
We are sent out to be a blessing to everyone we meet.

Sharing

5. Sharing our resources
Financial: One of God's many blessings is our financial gifts
FLC shares 15% of all our offerings, plus the social concern of the month offerings with:
The broader Lutheran church
The world
Our neighbors
Energy: We give our time and passion to 6 local community charities

Praying & Growing

6. We are human
We struggle with our lack of faith & human condition
We confess our sins
We repent – that is turn around to Jesus
We accept forgiveness, sometimes
We are blessed with God's love and forgiveness
As Lutherans, we live daily as both saint and forgiven sinner.
Which means we are human.

The Ecumenical Prayer Cycle – This Week August 20, 2017

Pray for: Liberia and Sierra Leone

- The establishment of a society where children can live and grow with love and peace instead of hatred and violence.
- The fullness of human life for all men, women and children of all tribes and ethnicities in Liberia and Sierra Leone.
- Refugees displaced by civil war and political instability in neighboring countries, and those returning after years of exile.
- Women who have been raped and who have otherwise suffered the ravages of civil war.
- Healing for those broken in body, mind and spirit by the brutality of war.
- Orphans, displaced children, malnourished children, and children who live in fear.
- For the renewal of the forests, wildlife habitats and rich biodiversity of Sierra Leone and Liberia.
- For functioning economies emerging from the wreckage of civil war.